

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Allocations. In order to provide for necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007, the following Highway Fund allocations as designated in the following tabulations are allocated. Other funds are presented for informational purposes only.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Supplemental allocations. There are allocated from the Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007, to the departments listed, the following sums.

PART C

Sec. C-1. Calculation and transfer. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of savings in Part B, section 1 that apply against each Highway Fund account for all departments and agencies from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability and shall transfer the calculated amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to allocations in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

PART D

Sec. D-1. Review of statewide information technology functions and systems to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The State Chief Information Officer shall review the current organizational structure, systems, and operations of information technology units to improve organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. To assist with this review the Chief Information Officer shall be provided staff resources from the Office of Information Technology and from technology personnel of other agencies. The Chief Information Officer is authorized to identify savings and position eliminations to the General Fund and other funds from the improvements identified from the review. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations and allocations in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information Officer's designee shall provide direct oversight over statewide technology services and have oversight over the technology personnel assigned to each agency. Additionally, the State Chief Information Officer or the designee may reassign technology personnel among agencies to support statewide technology operations.

SUMMARY

This bill does the following.

PART A

Part A makes allocations of funds.

PART B

Part B adjusts allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to Current Services.

PART C

Part C requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 that are identified in Part B section 1.

PART D

Part D requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings and identification of position eliminations in the Highway Fund from the review of current organizational structure, systems, and operations of information technology units.